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LETTER DATED 9 JUNE 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace as indicated hereafter:

First:

1. From 5 to 6 June, they carried out 14 sorties, 5 in formation and 4 solo sorties. The aircraft in question were flying at speeds of 400 to 800 km/h, and at moderate altitude.

2. The activities of these aircraft focused on Al Amadiyah and Dohuk. The purpose of their operations was observation and provocation.

Second:

1. On 6 June 1991, American aircraft conducted 11 sorties, 5 in formation and 1 solo sortie. The aircraft in question were flying at speeds of from 720 to 900 km/h and at moderate altitude.

These aircraft conducted observation and provocation operations, focusing their activities on the regions of Irbil, Mosul and Dohuk.

Third:

1. On 7 June 1991, United States aircraft conducted 5 sorties, 2 in formation and 1 solo sortie. The aircraft were flying at speeds of from 720 to 900 km/h and at moderate altitude.

2. These activities, the purpose of which was observation and provocation, concentrated on the Mosul, Irbil and Dohuk regions.

Fourth:

1. From 8 to 9 June, a formation of 2 aircraft violated Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation.

2. These aircraft, flying at speeds of 600 to 850 km/h and at moderate altitude, concentrated their activities on the Mosul, Kayara, Biji, Irbil and Dohuk regions.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir Khairi AL-NIMA
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